

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES April 22, 2021, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Berta Geller, Oliver Osnoss, Rachel Baumrin, Susan Silk, Tony Omer.

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Rossi.

Berta opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

DISCUSSION:

Mass DOT Letter:

Berta said she spoke with Mike Mauro of the MVC, that the Selectmen should send the letter to David Saures at Mass DOT, and Jen said she would send the letter once received. Susan suggested that the first sentence of the letter should read something like “We the Selectmen on behalf of the Complete Streets Committee”, and the letter should include Congressmen Fernandez and Cyr. Berta said Jen had responded to the letter with comments on what had already been taken care of and what still needed to be addressed. Some comments were vague with question marks and “I think this has been addressed/not sure”. Susan felt the lead sentence should include the fact that we have been waiting since 2017, and we should list the most critical items to be addressed. Susan suggested that we state what we requested in 2017, state that we fully understand the states challenges, and list the items most critically needed. Rachel said we should stress the shape of the economy given the virus and state the importance of outdoor activities. Tony suggested the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Susan said she would work on the letter. Jane was asked to notify Peggy of the press release.

Old County Road:

Jane explained that Natural Heritage review has been temporarily suspended due to the need for a potential on site plant study. She said the suspension provides the organization time to see if the study is needed. The MVC is working with Natural Heritage on a map of the location in question.

Path at the Fire Station:

Jane said she thought it would be good to get that task completed. Berta explained that we would install a path much like the path across from the school. She pointed out that the entrance to the state forest has a wooden barrier that will need to be opened up. Susan suggested we add a bench. Susan thought we might be able to use the leftover money from the LCB parking lot project. Jane was asked to meet with Peggy and get an estimate of the work to send to Mass DOT.

Minutes:

Susan made a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 minutes and Tony seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with an abstention from Oliver.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi

Approved on 5.6.21 Berta-yes, Rachel-yes, Susan-yes, Oliver-yes